

Field Day 2021

Over 50 people participated in the 2021 Athens Radio Club Field Day held 2pm June 26, 2021-2pm June 27, 2021 at the YMCA Hawthorne Ave. Athens, GA. Call sign was W4G.

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See Appendix for list of people who signed in.

Field Day Publicity. Several Club Members helped to prepare a press release. Copies were distributed at the June 1, 2021 Athens Radio Club meeting.

The

on Instagram at #arrlfieldday2021.

Facebook

Reddit

ARC Field Day in Flagpole

I've mailed 2021 Field Day invites to:

- the list James provided of recent test passers;
- the list Jess compiled of area hams;
- miscellaneous attendees at recent ARC meetings.

I double-checked addresses in the FCC database. I mailed these 1st class with the ARC PO Box as return address. There may be some returns. I kind of think some of the addresses of students won't be good even if they are in the FCC database.

Whoever checks the PO Box please save any returns for me.

Thank you.

Good morning,

With the payment of the "Event" \$45.00 charge I was able to use our inclusion in their network to post our FIELD DAY IMAGE, MAP and press release at various places on FACEBOOK. I posted at the ARC FB page (please go see how it looks to you) and to the ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY NEWS at FB.

None of the news outlets accept press releases about events anymore.

This "Event" platform is the only way to submit local press releases now..EXCEPT *Flagpole* which did use the press release I sent them.

New membership brochures

class 3A, with three W4G club stations plus a GOTA station. So there will be plenty of radios for you and anyone that visits to see and operate.

I'm bringing a couple of batteries and encourage you all to bring battery and solar power equipment that you have. Thanks to Sam KN4SPF we will have his generator to power the computers and the radios, too if needed.

Press Release

Athens Ham Radio Operators on the Air for Nationwide Event June 26 – 27.

**Athens YMCA-915 Hawthorne Ave, Athens, GA 30606
Operating under the callsign W4G.**

Ham radio operators from the Athens Radio Club will participate in the national amateur radio exercise from 2pm Saturday until 2pm on Sunday, June 26 – 27. The

event is ARRL Field Day (www.arrl.org/FieldDay), an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio in the United States.

Hams from across North America participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations—like the Athens YMCA-- to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders, brings people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities. Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

The 2021 event is also noteworthy given that a particularly active hurricane season is predicted. "Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers," said Jess Hickey, Club President, N4JAH. "Ham radio functions completely independently of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others," Hickey added.

Among the tenets of the Amateur Radio Service is developing and practicing skills in radio technology and radio communications, and even contributing to international goodwill.

For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, visit the website of the Athens Radio Club <http://www.athensradioclub.org> and visit the national site www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

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We reported 207 SSB and 11 CW QSO's along with bonus points the W4G Field Day claimed score was 458 for QSO points and 1440 bonus points.

Thanks to VE Examiners. We had 2 take tests and both passed (technician and extra).

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AC4SH
Claude Ray

With Field Day 2021 a few days behind us, I jotted down some notes. I'd like to share these with you in raw form to get club members input. It would be great to consolidate our ideas so that future Field Day operations can refer back to the great experience we have this summer.

Rather than attaching a file, I am pasting my notes here in the email to make it a quick read for all.

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Field Day 2021

Location - YMCA Hawthorne Ave. Athens, GA
requested May 14 '21 from Tammy Langford - tammy@...
con - toilet facility
con - local security
pro - public access
pro - trees & grass
con - no overnight building access
con - small footprint (could use more radios)
con - not a likely emcomm site
pro - plenty of parking
??? - take advantage of more of the asphalt lot
??? - Athens Clarke-County, University of GA, other sites

Other questions

- # of stations (3A + GOTA)
- antennas
- training on
 - "" operating radios
 - "" logging software (N3FJP}
 - "" SSB tuning, etc

Assignments for stations, functions, operating times??

- make one person responsible for each station
- "" "" networking computers
- "" "" generators

low participation of club members, Field Day is the alternative to the July club meeting

list of attendees -

- club members
- visitors (follow up emails?)

Sustain -

- Publicity

- Public location
- Allowing/encouraging access to stations by everyone
- Speakers vs. headphones
- Battery/Solar Power
- Quiet Generators

Improve -

- 24 hour operations
- Station physical separation - what's the range of WI-FI?
- Network setup/practice
- Voice keyers/recorders

Other issues -

- Permanent club location with radios operational
- POTA club outings?
- Picketts Mill Battlefield July 31, 2021

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Listed below are participants in order of sign-in.

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Kate Leyva & Carter (age 7)—saw banner and stopped by.

Joe Stevens, KO4GAB

David Glover, KO4CRU

Tammy Langford

Bill McGee, N4WHM

Preston Adams-- saw banner and stopped by.

Scott Wooten, KW4NJA

Lamar Hughston, KO4OYR

Bernie Ortman, N6UBO

Naomi Montgomery

Maurice Snook

Adam Christ (age 10)

Will (age 3)

Art Conway

Gerald Hallman, KM4AAA

Jesse Hickey, President, N4JAH

Timothy Bergman- saw banner and stopped by.

Jon Curey, W4ALQ

Rob McNiff (got licensed at Field Day testing.

Janna Tolbert, KJ4ESB

Steve Nettis, KN4UBK

Stuart Ivy

Craig Wiegert, W4CCW (upgrade to Extra at Field Day testing).

Jeremy Shaw

Felix Shaw

Erwin Greene, W4EEG

Bobby Goins, KN4I

Chris Goins, KN4DMI

Bruce Breedlove, KO4MHL

Tom Lewis, K04TLL

Stan Sheram, WA4FNV

Howell McKinnon, Vice-President, KM4ZXR

Lori Bone

Margaret Lightfoot

Steven Smith

Margaret Christ

Richard Matthews, WR4O5

Nola Geeter, Treasurer, , KG4OVO

Billy Fallin, KN4ZFB

Tony Constable, KB2DPY
Travis Ramplay, W4ND2